



Haysville Hornets

Family Member Code of Conduct

We hope as family members you will embrace the spirit of Special Olympics and the Haysville Hornets and help us provide a competition and training environment that enhances athlete character and skill development.

The Code of Conduct is designed to assure each participant abides by the philosophy and the Mission of Special Olympics Kansas. In return for appropriate conduct, individuals will be treated with respect and openness. Athletes will also have access to self-improvement training opportunities and be placed in an environment appropriate to their level of competence.

As a Haysville Hornets family member, I pledge the following:

Sportsmanship

- I will let my athlete choose the sports and events in which he/she would like to participate. I will not force my choice upon him/her.
- I will remember that athletes participate to have fun and that the game is for them, not the family members.
- I will learn the rules of the game, the Special Olympics of Kansas policies and Haysville Hornets policies before I complain or protest.
- I will never engage in unsportsmanlike conduct, such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language and gestures, during any event or with any official, coach, or family member.
- I will praise my athlete for competing fairly and trying hard, and I will make my athlete feel like a winner every time. I will never ridicule or yell at my athlete, or other participants, for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my athlete to win.
- I will refrain from coaching my athlete, or other athletes, during competitions and practices if I am not the assigned coach.

Responsibilities

- I will ensure my athlete's annual physical form is up-to-date, complete, and on file.
- I will participate with the Haysville Hornets team by volunteering in a designated capacity during each sport season in which my athlete participates.
- I will abstain from the consumption or use of all alcohol, tobacco products and illegal substances while involved with any Special Olympics practice, competition event or other activity.
- I will abide by the communication processes that are put in place for me, as a family member, to receive the information I need to support my athlete's participation.
- I will not engage in any inappropriate contact or relationship with athletes, volunteers, or other participants of Special Olympics.
- I will dress and act in an appropriate manner at all times.
- I understand that I play a vital role in the health and safety of my athlete's participation and I have a responsibility to assist Special Olympics in providing for the health and safety of all athletes, by reporting suspicious behavior, talking to my athlete about personal safety, and any and all other reasonable measures to assist in the protection of Special Olympics athletes.
- I understand parents, guardians and family members are welcome to observe team practices, but will refrain from interfering with or interrupting coaches, volunteers or athletes during practice. Team discussions will occur following practice at which time family members are expected to listen and participate as well as have an opportunity to ask questions.

Agreement

- As a Haysville Hornets Special Olympics Team family member, I understand, I am expected to abide by this Code of Conduct, and be a positive role model for my athlete.

I hereby certify that I have reviewed, understood and agreed to this Code of Conduct.

Signature of Family Member

Date

Haysville Hornets Special Olympics Team

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